It is observable that the first Sheet of this play is marked with the letter R. The reason is, that it was printed at the same time with the Whole Contention of the two Houses of Yorke and Lancaster, which ends with the Letter R. 2. That Copy of the two parts of K. Henry VI. printed by T. P. i.e. Thomas Pavier, which has no date, is by this means ascertained to have been published in 1619.

THE HISTORY
Pericles, Prince of Tyre.

Enter Gower.

TO sing a song that old was sung,
From ashes, ancient *Gower* is come,
Assuming mans infirmities,
To glad your eare, and please your eies
It hath beene sung at Festiuals,
On Ember eues, and holy-daies
And Lords and Ladies in their liues,
Haue read it for restoratiues:
The purchase is to make men glorious.
Et bonum quo Antiquius eo melius:
If you, borne in these latter times,
When wits more ripe, accept my Rimes;
And that to heare an old man sing,
May to your wishes pleasure bring:
I life would wish, and that I might
Waste it for you like Taper-light.
This *Antioch*, then, *Antiochus* the great,
Built vp this City for his chiefest seate;
The fairest in all *Syria*.
I tell you what mine Authors say:
This King vnto him tooke a Peere,
Who died, and left a female heire,
So bucksome, blithe, and full of face,